

Department of Water Resources

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2006 Total App	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Approp	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Gov Rec
BY PROGRAM					
Management & Support Services	1,970,400	1,853,700	2,046,700	2,378,900	2,291,800
Planning and Technical Services	7,361,400	5,541,000	6,754,600	7,082,300	6,603,600
Energy Resources	4,223,200	2,099,600	4,174,900	4,285,100	3,985,000
Snake River Basin Adjudication	3,238,700	3,289,900	2,548,600	2,206,700	2,126,700
Water Management	7,230,000	5,856,500	7,902,100	9,285,600	8,867,200
Northern Idaho Adjudication	0	0	1,325,000	1,495,000	1,355,500
Total:	24,023,700	18,640,700	24,751,900	26,733,600	25,229,800
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	11,867,300	11,877,500	13,354,200	15,571,200	14,445,700
Dedicated	8,036,500	4,339,300	7,277,700	7,373,900	7,124,000
Federal	4,119,900	2,423,900	4,120,000	3,788,500	3,660,100
Total:	24,023,700	18,640,700	24,751,900	26,733,600	25,229,800
Percent Change:		(22.4%)	32.8%	8.0%	1.9%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	12,486,900	11,433,700	12,142,100	13,361,900	12,196,100
Operating Expenditures	10,427,900	5,858,200	10,112,200	10,642,100	10,464,600
Capital Outlay	14,100	200,200	260,800	306,300	301,800
Trustee/Benefit	1,094,800	1,148,600	911,800	928,300	911,800
Lump Sum	0	0	1,325,000	1,495,000	1,355,500
Total:	24,023,700	18,640,700	24,751,900	26,733,600	25,229,800
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	180.00	180.00	191.00	192.00	187.00

Department Description

The Office of the State Engineer was created in 1895 to administer provisions of the Carey Act. Over the years, additional laws expanded the agency's duties, particularly with the increasing value, development, and use of Idaho's limited water resources. As the agency saw its responsibilities grow, it also saw its name change several times. In 1919 the agency became the Department of Reclamation; in 1943 the State Reclamation Engineer; and in 1970, the Department of Water Administration. Meanwhile, through amendment of the state constitution in 1964, the Water Resource Board was created to prepare the state water plan, a plan for optimum development of water resources in the public interest. The current name, the Department of Water Resources, resulted in 1974 from combining the Department of Water Administration with the Idaho Water Resource Board. The primary authority for the Department and its programs rests in Title 42, Idaho Code.

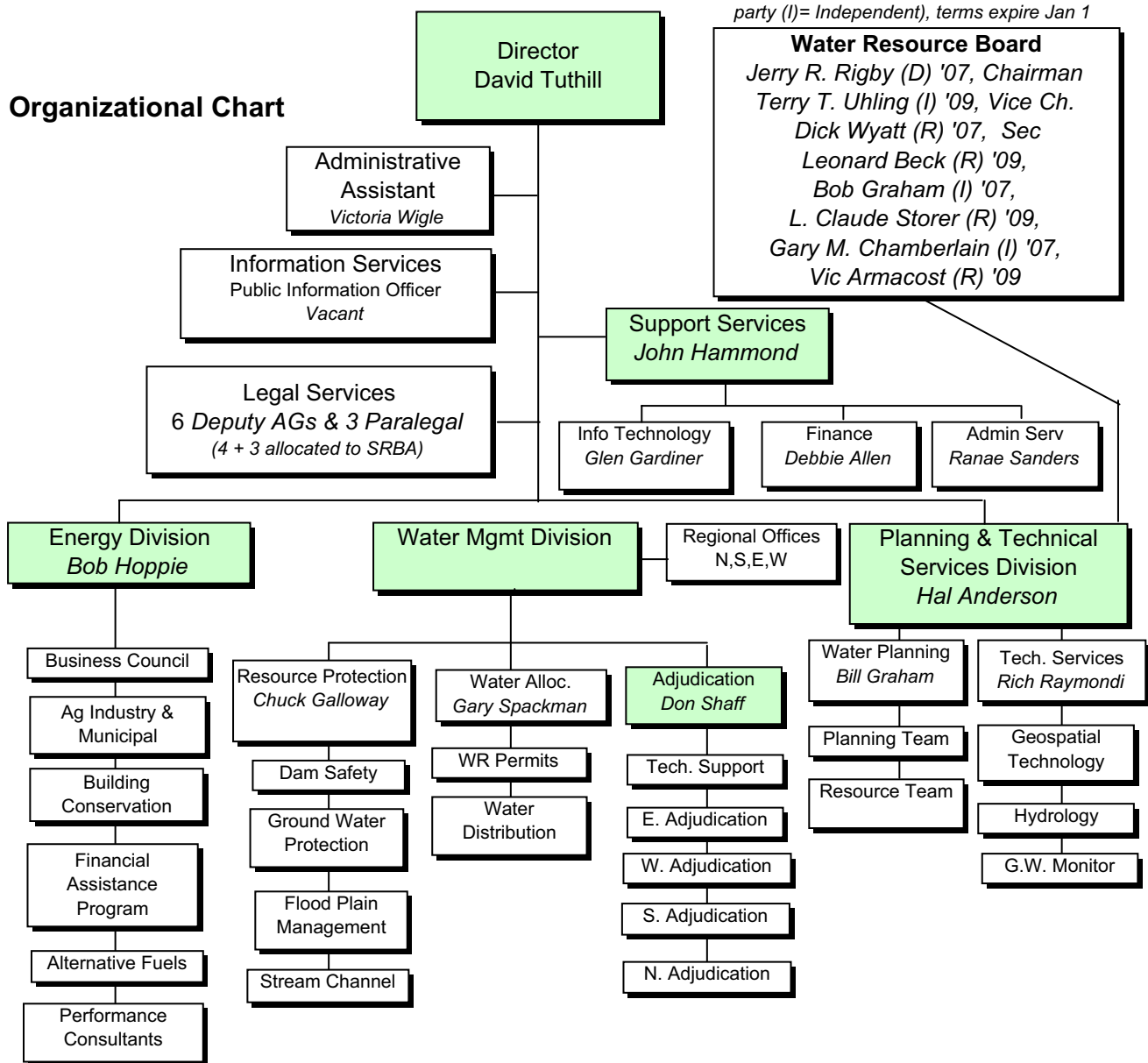
The department is divided into six major programs for budgeting purposes. The Management and Support Services program provides administrative, legal and information system support for the department; the Planning and Technical Services Division provides staff support for the Water Resources Board and provides planning, technical analysis and groundwater monitoring; the Energy Division provides financial assistance and technical assistance on energy conservation and alternative energy development issues; the Snake River Basin Adjudication program is responsible for completing a fair and accurate determination of the nature, extent and priority of Snake River Basin water rights; the Water Management Division provides water resource protection through inspection and regulatory programs, and provides water allocation services through permits and water distribution programs; and the Northern Idaho Adjudication program is responsible for completing a fair and accurate determination of the nature, extent, and priority of the water rights north of the Snake River Basin.

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Organizational Chart



Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTP's)					
Program	FY 2008 Base		FY 2008 Request		Change
	General	All	General	All	
1. Management & Support	13.05	20.00	13.05	20.00	0.00
2. Planning and Technical Services	29.67	36.00	32.17	37.00	1.00
3. Energy Resources	0.61	20.00	2.61	20.00	0.00
4. Snake River Basin Adjudication	26.00	26.00	15.00	15.00	(11.00)
5. Water Management	57.95	78.00	68.95	89.00	11.00
6. Northern Idaho Adjudication	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
Total by Fund Source	138.28	191.00	142.78	192.00	1.00
Percent of Total by Fund Source	72.4%		74.4%		

Excludes group positions. Also, Attorneys are paid through operating expenditures.

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Sources of Funds	FY 2006 Expenditures	Percent of Total	FY 2007 Appropriation	FY 2008 Request
1. General Fund (0001) The General Fund sources are the individual income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax, and other miscellaneous sources.	\$ 11,877,500	63.7%	\$ 13,354,200	\$ 15,571,200
2. Indirect Cost Recovery Fund (0125) Overhead charge for costs to administer federal programs.	568,200	3.0%	775,600	825,600
3. Economic Recovery Reserve Fund (0150-01) Twenty-nine cents of the 57 cent per pack cigarette tax.	247,300	1.3%	310,800	0
4. Water Administration Fund (0229-21) Fees collected for well drillers' licenses and permits, water right claim fees, permits to appropriate water, permits to appropriate geothermal resources, reviewing safety of dams, water bank receipts, processing of injection well applications, and penalties.	1,158,700	6.2%	2,120,200	2,248,100
5. Water Resources Adjudication Fund (0337) Established in 1985 as a result of the Swan Falls agreement concerning the usage of water from the Snake River Basin. Receipts are deposited from filing fees as scheduled in law and are used to pay the costs attributable to adjudication. The Northern Idaho adjudication was added as a fund-detail in 2006.	703,500	3.8%	0	0
6. Miscellaneous Revenue Fund (0349) Revenues include fees collected from water district 01, fees collected for maintenance of Priest Lake Dam, and miscellaneous revenues from interstate and intrastate agencies and utilities.	897,500	4.8%	1,943,100	2,059,900
7. Petroleum Price Violation Fund (0494) In the early 1970s, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) embargoed crude oil exports to the United States. In response to this severe restriction in oil supply, the federal government regulated oil prices from 1973 to 1981 to prevent price gouging by domestic crude oil producers and to ensure fair allocation of oil resources. The federal Department of Energy was responsible for identifying violations, recovering overcharges, and obtaining restitution for wronged parties. Through the 1980s, several overcharge cases against domestic oil producers were settled or decided in court. Petroleum Price Violation funds are part of a nationwide redistribution to the states from the U.S. Department of Energy due to those settlements. Expenditure of the funds is required to benefit energy consumers and must not supplant state funds already allocated for energy-related programs. The Department of Water Resources is the state agency responsible for certifying that proposed projects meet these standards for allowable uses of violation funds. The courts also specified that interest earned on these funds must be used for the same purposes.	764,100	4.1%	2,128,000	2,240,300
8. Federal Grant Fund (0348) Funds received from grants and agreements with federal agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Department of Energy (DOE), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service.	2,423,900	13.0%	4,120,000	3,788,500
Total All Appropriated Funds	\$ 18,640,700	100.0%	\$ 24,751,900	\$ 26,733,600

The department also has three continuously appropriated funds: 1) the Revolving Development Fund is used to make loans for projects approved by the Water Board; 2) the Water Management Fund is used to make loans or grants for new water projects or the rehabilitation of existing water projects limited to reclamation, upstream storage, offstream storage, aquifer recharge, reservoir site acquisition and protection, water supply, water quality, recreation, and water resource studies, including feasibility studies for qualifying projects; and 3) the Water Rights Enforcement Fund receives civil penalties collected by the department for illegal diversions and is used to carry out the water enforcement program.

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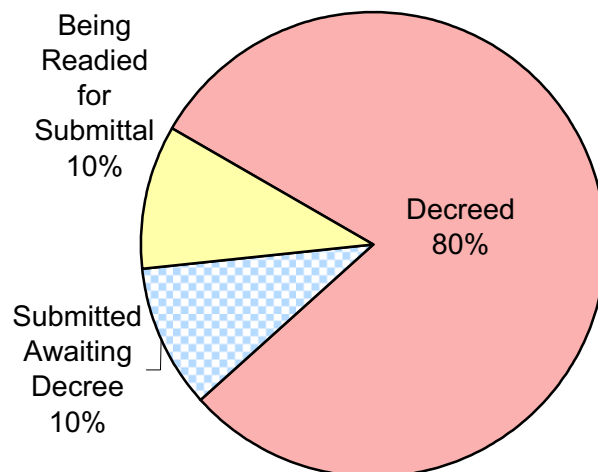
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Key Services Provided

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Planning and Technical Services				
1. Number and dollar amount of grants	2 grants for \$13,400	12 grants for \$72,791	3 grants for \$50,000	NA
2. Number and dollar amount of loans	13 loans for \$2,016,135	15 loans for \$2,597,192	8 loans for \$3,326,172	10 loans for \$2,559,950
3. Number and amount of revenue bonds issued			1 bond for \$19,975,000	2 bonds for \$16,831,698
4. Number and amount of legislative projects		2 projects for \$820,000	1 project for \$24,375,000	1 project for \$300,000
5. Number of managed recharge sites monitored	13	13	13	13
6. Number of geothermal sites monitored	16	16	13	11
7. Number of groundwater quality sites monitored	415	413	420	407
8. Number of spring and well water level sites monitored	447	554	572	607
9. Number of surface water sites monitored	137	132	116	118
Energy Resources				
10. Number of energy efficiency training sessions	306	384	997	3,486
11. Number of technical site visits	5,739	4,702	4,511	6,248
12. Number of loans funded	25	14	10	45
13. Amount of loans funded	\$304,885	\$208,850	\$95,905	\$325,000
14. Annual energy savings generated	\$22,767	\$32,967	\$13,031	\$38,262
Snake River Basin Adjudication				
15. Director's Reports prepared for the basins and filed with the SRBA Court	3,515	6,204	6,301	8,485
Water Management				
16. Water right transfers approved	231	219	233	194
17. Number of new wells constructed in Idaho	4,181	4,473	4,527	4,501

Snake River Basin Adjudication Summary as of September 10, 2006



Counts of Water Rights	
Decreed	118,745
Submitted Awaiting Decree	14,922
Being Readied for Submittal	14,803
Total Count Irrigation/Other	148,470

Missed milestone to have Director's Reports submitted for all state based claims by June 2006

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Snake River Basin Adjudication¹ Costs

Fiscal Year	Fund Source	IDWR ²	Attorney General ³	Judicial ⁴	TOTAL	
1985	SRBA Fund	150,900	0	0	150,900	
1986	SRBA Fund	234,000	0	0	234,000	
1987	General	680,000	0	0	680,000	
	SRBA Fund	321,300	0	0	321,300	
1988	General	651,700	0	0	651,700	
	SRBA Fund	349,200	0	0	349,200	
1989	SRBA Fund	2,366,100	0	0	2,366,100	
1990	General	0	39,200	0	39,200	
	SRBA Fund	2,030,700	0	0	2,030,700	
1991	General	0	78,500	0	78,500	
	SRBA Fund	2,308,600	0	101,300	2,409,900	
1992	General	0	138,700	0	138,700	
	SRBA Fund	2,615,900	0	225,700	2,841,600	
1993	General	0	110,500	0	110,500	
	SRBA Fund	2,636,000	0	522,500	3,158,500	
1994	General	0	102,500	0	102,500	
	SRBA Fund	2,332,500	0	413,300	2,745,800	
1995	General	0	590,000	0	590,000	
	SRBA Fund	2,697,100	0	483,400	3,180,500	
1996	General	958,100	1,293,000	0	2,251,100	
	SRBA Fund	1,255,200	0	538,900	1,794,100	
1997	General	2,208,000	1,704,700	722,800	4,635,500	
	SRBA Fund	433,000	0	0	433,000	
1998	General	2,292,200	2,303,900	744,300	5,340,400	
	SRBA Fund	165,400	0	0	165,400	
1999	General	2,613,500	2,289,100	635,800	5,538,400	
	SRBA Fund	(2,100)	0	0	(2,100)	5
2000	General	2,484,300	1,732,700	730,400	4,947,400	
	SRBA Fund	142,300	0	0	142,300	
2001	General	2,560,000	489,500	727,000	3,776,500	
	SRBA Fund	247,600	0	0	247,600	
2002	General	2,654,900	260,300	801,500	3,716,700	
	SRBA Fund	429,300	0	0	429,300	
2003	General	2,510,300	163,600	745,100	3,419,000	
	SRBA Fund	313,100	0	0	313,100	
2004	General	2,700,800	35,600	777,500	3,513,900	
	SRBA Fund	534,200	0	0	534,200	
2005	General	2,817,000	36,300	803,300	3,656,600	
	SRBA Fund	705,300	0	0	705,300	
2006	General	2,586,400	48,100	811,800	3,446,300	
	SRBA Fund	703,500	0	0	703,500	6
2007 Est.	General	2,556,700	NA	863,400	3,420,100	7
2008 Req.	General	2,206,700	NA	939,500	3,146,200	7
TOTAL						
	General	32,480,600	11,416,200	9,302,400	53,199,200	
	SRBA Fund	22,969,100	0	2,285,100	25,254,200	8
TOTAL		55,449,700	11,416,200	11,587,500	78,453,400	

Notes: 1) adjudicate vb: to settle judicially 2) The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is primarily responsible for adjudicating state-based water rights (permits, licenses, and beneficial uses). 3) The Attorney General's office is primarily responsible for adjudicating the federal-based water rights (federal reservations and tribal rights). 4) The state Judicial system is responsible for adjudicating both state-based and federal-based water rights. 5) FY 1999 adjusted for \$135,800 transfer-in from General Fund and \$133,700 expenditures. 6) At the end of FY 2006, the free-fund balance in the SRBA Fund was \$19,500. 7) Some estimates are "NA" or Not Available. 8) Water right filing fees are scheduled under §42-1414.

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation	191.00	13,354,200	24,751,900	191.00	13,354,200	24,751,900
Other Approp Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
FY 2007 Total Appropriation	191.00	13,354,200	24,751,900	191.00	13,354,200	24,751,900
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	(227,500)	0.00	0	(227,500)
FY 2007 Estimated Expenditures	191.00	13,354,200	24,524,400	191.00	13,354,200	24,524,400
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	0	(310,800)	0.00	0	(310,800)
FY 2008 Base	191.00	13,354,200	24,213,600	191.00	13,354,200	24,213,600
Benefit Costs	0.00	231,200	319,300	0.00	0	0
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	108,000	240,700	0.00	39,500	67,100
Replacement Items	0.00	289,800	301,800	0.00	289,800	301,800
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	310,400	316,700	0.00	310,400	316,700
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	276,200	389,500	0.00	394,700	556,600
FY 2008 Program Maintenance	191.00	14,569,800	25,781,600	191.00	14,388,600	25,455,800
1. Toward Market Salary	0.00	500,000	698,300	0.00	0	0
2. Payline Adjustments	0.00	13,900	15,100	0.00	13,900	15,100
3. Transfer Staff to Water Management	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
4. Energy Division Fund Shift	0.00	152,300	0	(2.00)	0	(152,300)
5. Geographic Information System Shift	0.00	132,000	0	(2.00)	0	(132,000)
6. Additional Office Space	0.00	43,200	43,200	0.00	43,200	43,200
7. Water Rights Accounting Position	1.00	34,900	70,300	0.00	0	0
8. Northern Idaho Adjudication Year Two	0.00	125,100	125,100	0.00	0	0
9. ESPA Management Plan Placeholder	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
Lump-Sum NI Adjudication	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
FY 2008 Total	192.00	15,571,200	26,733,600	187.00	14,445,700	25,229,800
Change from Original Appropriation	1.00	2,217,000	1,981,700	(4.00)	1,091,500	477,900
% Change from Original Appropriation		16.6%	8.0%		8.2%	1.9%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation	191.00	13,354,200	7,277,700	4,120,000	24,751,900

Other Approp Adjustments

Allocate the \$1,325,000 lump-sum appropriation for the Northern Idaho Adjudication program \$544,100 for personnel costs and \$780,900 for operating expenditures as a starting point for the FY 2007 budget.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

FY 2007 Total Appropriation					
Agency Request	191.00	13,354,200	7,277,700	4,120,000	24,751,900
Governor's Recommendation	191.00	13,354,200	7,277,700	4,120,000	24,751,900

Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

Adjusts FTP between fund sources and moves one FTP provided for the Salmon River Water District to Management and Support to establish a buyer position. Moves funds from last year's appropriation bill (HB 798) earmarked for employment retention compensation to programs where moneys were awarded. Moves from Water Management \$20,000 to Management and Support Services, \$22,100 to Planning and Technical Services, and \$8,100 to Snake River Basin Adjudication for a total of \$50,400. Removes \$120,300 from Planning and Technical Services and \$107,200 from Energy Resources to reflect reductions in the availability of federal funds.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	(227,500)	(227,500)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	(227,500)	(227,500)

FY 2007 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	191.00	13,354,200	7,277,700	3,892,500	24,524,400
Governor's Recommendation	191.00	13,354,200	7,277,700	3,892,500	24,524,400

Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove one-time funding provided from the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund for FY 2007 as follows: \$256,300 for replacement items, \$4,500 provided for additional equipment, and \$50,000 for Bear River Study matching funds.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(310,800)	0	(310,800)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(310,800)	0	(310,800)

FY 2008 Base					
Agency Request	191.00	13,354,200	6,966,900	3,892,500	24,213,600
Governor's Recommendation	191.00	13,354,200	6,966,900	3,892,500	24,213,600

Benefit Costs

Restores funding for one health insurance holiday taken in FY 2007. Also includes the employer-paid portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs. The two biggest factors are health insurance rates and retirement rates. Health insurance is projected to increase by 4.9% or \$350 per position. Retirement rates are scheduled to increase by 5.9% from 10.39% to 11% of salary for regular employees and by 5.7% from 10.73% to 11.34% of salary for police and firefighters. Other benefit changes include minor adjustments in unemployment insurance rates and workers compensation rates.

Agency Request	0.00	231,200	61,900	26,200	319,300
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The Governor recommends that all health insurance related adjustments be funded by program changes or by utilizing reserves available in the group insurance contract. As the PERSI Board voted to maintain the current contribution rate for the upcoming fiscal year, no adjustment to retirement rates is necessary.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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Inflationary Adjustments

This customized inflationary adjustment is a 2.1% increase over the base. It is calculated by subtracting statewide allocation plan costs and applying a 1.81% increase for all remaining operating costs except rentals and operating leases which are inflated at an average of 6.8%.

Agency Request	0.00	108,000	77,800	54,900	240,700
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Inflationary increases are provided only for contractual obligations such as leased space costs. Other inflationary requests are not recommended.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	39,500	18,100	9,500	67,100
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Replacement Items					
Replacement items include \$77,900 for Management and Support Services, \$41,900 for Planning and Technical Services, \$12,000 for Energy Resources, and \$170,000 for Water Management. Includes \$166,000 for 1 SUV and 5 pickups, \$66,500 for 36 computers, \$9,000 for 4 printers, \$9,000 for 1 server, \$47,800 for field equipment, and \$3,500 for office furniture.					
Agency Request	0.00	289,800	6,000	6,000	301,800
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	289,800	6,000	6,000	301,800
Statewide Cost Allocation					
This decision unit includes adjustments in funding for services provided by state agencies as follow: \$299,300 for Attorney General fees, \$16,500 for State Controller fees, \$100 for State Treasurer fees, and \$800 for property and casualty insurance premiums.					
Agency Request	0.00	310,400	6,300	0	316,700
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	310,400	6,300	0	316,700
Change in Employee Compensation					
Reflects the calculated cost of a 3.5% salary increase for permanent and group positions.					
Agency Request	0.00	276,200	88,300	25,000	389,500
<i>The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 5% to be distributed based on merit.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	394,700	126,200	35,700	556,600
FY 2008 Program Maintenance					
Agency Request	191.00	14,569,800	7,207,200	4,004,600	25,781,600
Governor's Recommendation	191.00	14,388,600	7,123,500	3,943,700	25,455,800
1. Toward Market Salary					
All Programs					
The December 1, 2005 Employee Compensation Report by the Division of Human Resources stated that the annual average salary paid by the Department of Water Resources lagged the market average salary by 33.4%. For FY 2007, JFAC appropriated \$49,300 for targeted positions and \$68,700 for additional compensation for positions deemed critical by the Director. The Director reports that these appropriations have been fully allocated and have helped to narrow the gap between market. This budget request would provide \$500,000 in General Fund support and \$198,300 in dedicated spending authority to continue moving the actual compensation towards market compensation. The department anticipates that beginning with this request, an enhanced level of funding for each of the next four consecutive years will be necessary to bring the average annual salary paid by the department to near the market average for comparable positions. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	500,000	130,800	67,500	698,300
<i>Not recommended by the Governor.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
2. Payline Adjustments					
Energy Resources, SRBA, Water Management					
Senate Bill 1363a of 2006 required the Division of Human Resources to design a new, comprehensive pay structure with pay grades based on Hay points and comparable market compensation. The Department had eight positions in which employees were being paid less than the beginning pay for their new pay grade developed by the Division of Human Resources. This request is for \$13,900 from the General Fund and \$1,200 in spending authority from other funds to pay the costs of moving these eight positions to the beginning pay for the corresponding pay grade in the new pay structure. These positions are a Technical Records Specialist 1, an Administrative Assistant 1, five Senior Water Resource Agents, and an Engineer Manager 2. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	13,900	500	700	15,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	13,900	500	700	15,100

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
3. Transfer Staff to Water Management Snake River Basin Adjudication, Water Management					
As the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) continues toward completion, the Department requests the transfer of 11 full-time equivalent positions (FTP) and \$732,900 from the SRBA program to the Water Management program. The remaining recommendations by the IDWR to the SRBA District Court regarding how water rights should be decreed (Director's Reports) should be filed before January of 2007. The equivalent of 11 positions will now focus on processing water right transfers and administering water rights. The transfer leaves 15 FTPs and \$2.2 million in the base of the SRBA program to deal with objections prior to the final decree. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Recommended.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
4. Energy Division Fund Shift Energy Resources					
This request from the Energy Division is to shift \$152,300 and two FTPs from federal funds to the General Fund. Federal funding is being reduced by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Specifically, formula grant funding for State Energy Programs (SEP), DOE Special Projects, and Pacific Northwest Bioenergy funds are all targeted to be zeroed out by DOE. SEP and Special Project funds have financed most of the Energy Division's major outreach efforts. Services to schools and public buildings, wind power development, and geothermal power development have benefited from programs fund by DOE. The developers of bioenergy production plants have used Energy Division services funded by DOE. One position provides technical outreach to producers and vendors regarding ethanol, biodiesel, anaerobic digestion, geothermal, wind, small hydro, and solar. The second position serves local government, Idaho colleges and universities, and K-12 schools and works with public building administrators to reduce facility energy costs. Of the total, operating expenditures in the amount of \$12,900 are requested primarily for conducting on-site evaluations of conservation and resource development opportunities. Also, \$4,000 is requested for in-state travel. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	152,300	0	(152,300)	0
<i>Not recommended by the Governor. Federal funds are reduced and positions eliminated with no offsetting increase in General Fund support.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	(2.00)	0	0	(152,300)	(152,300)
5. Geographic Information System Shift Planning and Technical Services					
IDWR has historically secured federal funding for development, maintenance, and distribution of Geographic Information System (GIS) data. As federal funding declined, two positions progressively provided support for updating and maintaining the Department's hydrologic database, modernizing the Department's water rights accounting programs and web enablement of GIS and spatial data for online public access. Although demand from Idaho businesses and residents for GIS data and map products continues to expand, federal funding continues to decline. With the additional reductions in federal funding projected for FY 2008, the department cannot continue to makeup the shortfall with salary savings and an alternative funding source is needed for the two GIS positions. This request is to shift \$124,500 in personnel costs and \$7,500 in operating expenses from federal funds to the General Fund. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	132,000	0	(132,000)	0
<i>Not recommended by the Governor. Federal funds are reduced and positions eliminated with no offsetting increase in General Fund support.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	(2.00)	0	0	(132,000)	(132,000)

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6. Additional Office Space		Management and Support Services			
The main offices of the Department of Water Resources moved to 50,000 square feet of net rentable office space in the Idaho Water Center in 2004. The Department leases this space on an annual basis with a provision in the lease agreement with the University of Idaho providing a "first-right-of-refusal" for additional space. In the summer of 2006, one of the other tenants, CH2MHill, exercised its option to lease all remaining space forcing the Department to either exercise its first-right-of-refusal or forgo any additional office space in the Water Center. The Department was authorized 7 additional positions for its main office as part of the staff required to undertake the Northern Idaho Adjudication. After consultation with the Division of Financial Management, the Director rented an additional 4,355 square feet adjacent to existing office space. This will provide for 14 additional spaces: 7 for the Northern Idaho Adjudication and 7 for future needs. This request is for the additional cost for the 7 future positions calculated at 2,177 sq. ft. times \$19.86 per sq. ft. or \$43,200. The appropriation provided for the Northern Idaho Adjudication startup will be used for FY 2007 costs. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	43,200	0	0	43,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	43,200	0	0	43,200
7. Water Rights Accounting Position		Planning and Technical Services			
The request is for one IT Programmer Analyst, pay grade 41 (salary \$41,200 and \$16,900 benefits) plus \$7,500 in operating expenditures and \$4,500 for computer equipment and office furniture. Currently the department has two staff hydrologists working full-time on water accounting. Water District 01 (Snake River upstream of Milner Dam), WD 11 (Bear River), WD 34 (Big Lost River), WD 63 (Boise River), and WD 65 (Payette River) have computerized accounting for surface water rights. Furthermore, computerized water rights accounting must be expanded into other water districts throughout the state. This new position will help meet water right holders increasing demands for more frequent accounting and development of more refined accounting procedures. Water rights accounting is necessary to address conflicts between surface water and ground water users to provide transparency, near real-time output, and improved linkage with the updated Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ground water model. Water rights accounting performed by the Department ensures that the reports of watermasters are accurate and that the appropriate amounts of water are being distributed between decreed water rights. Half of the ongoing costs will be assigned to water districts for activities directly related to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and the other half is requested from the General Fund. [\$4,500 one-time for office furniture and a computer with \$2,000 from the General Fund]					
Agency Request	1.00	34,900	35,400	0	70,300
Not recommended by the Governor.					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
8. Northern Idaho Adjudication Year Two		Northern Idaho Adjudication			
HB 545 of 2006 authorized the adjudication of Northern Idaho water rights. SB 1475 of 2006 provided the first year's start-up costs for the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane basins. For FY 2008, the second year of the program, additional funding is requested consistent with the plans presented during the 2006 session. Work activities include the finalization of activities outlined for FY 2007 and commencement of FY 2008 activities. FY 2007 activities include the acquisition of aerial imagery, implementation of on-line claims taking capability, preparation of digitized property ownership information, and completion of audio-visual communications systems. FY 2008 activities include commencing the adjudication, conducting information meetings, and taking claims. Lump-sum authority is requested to enable the Department to develop the technology and infrastructure in the most cost-effective manner through employees, contracts, or through acquisition of equipment. When added to the base, this brings the FY 2008 budget to 11 FTPs and \$1.5 million. [Ongoing]					
Agency Request	0.00	125,100	0	0	125,100
Not recommended by the Governor.					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

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9. ESPA Management Plan Placeholder		Planning and Technical Services			
During the 2006 regular session, the Legislature passed SCR 136 requesting the Idaho Water Resource Board to develop a framework for a comprehensive management plan for the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA). The Legislature appropriated \$300,000 through SB 1496 to the Water Board to develop the plan. The Board is using these funds to retain a professional facilitator (CDR Associates) and other contractors, including the Idaho Water Resource Research Institute, to support development of the framework. Pursuant to SCR 136, the Water Board is to submit a report to the Legislature during the 2007 session regarding the development of the comprehensive aquifer management plan for the ESPA. Depending on how the Legislature determines to proceed with the planning effort, additional funding may be necessary. This request is a placeholder for additional funding, but does not include a specific amount since it is not possible to predict how the Legislature may choose to proceed.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
Lump-Sum NI Adjudication		Northern Idaho Adjudication			
Lump-sum authority is requested for the Northern Idaho Adjudication program to enable the Department to develop the technology and infrastructure in the most cost-effective manner through employees, contracts, or through acquisition of equipment. This amounts to about \$1.5 million.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Recommended by the Governor. Amounts to \$1,355,500.					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2008 Total					
Agency Request	192.00	15,571,200	7,373,900	3,788,500	26,733,600
Governor's Recommendation	187.00	14,445,700	7,124,000	3,660,100	25,229,800
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	1.00	2,217,000	96,200	(331,500)	1,981,700
% Change from Original App	0.5%	16.6%	1.3%	(8.0%)	8.0%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	(4.00)	1,091,500	(153,700)	(459,900)	477,900
% Change from Original App	(2.1%)	8.2%	(2.1%)	(11.2%)	1.9%